

CITY OF WATERVILLE

REGULAR MEETING

COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MIKE ROY, CITY MANAGER

COUNCILORS: MICHAEL MORRIS, FLAVIA OLIVEIRA, SYDNEY MAYHEW,
RICHARD FOSS, CLAUDE FRANCKE, ERIK THOMAS

ABSENT: NICHOLAS ISGRO, MAYOR
MARGARET SMITH

PROCLAMATIONS

RECOGNIZING OFFICER TIMOTHY HINTON

RECOGNIZINGS DISPATCHERS
BRANDY STANLEY & SARAH NELSON

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NO CONFLICTS WERE DISCLOSED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019

RESOLUTION 40-2020 RATIFYING THE ROLL OF ACCOUNTS NO. 4

Motion Made and Seconded for Approval of Consent
Agenda
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDER 36-2020 APPROVAL OF FORFEITURE (BATES)

Motion Made and Seconded to Read by Title Only
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Councilors Absent: Smith
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 37- 2020

APPROVAL OF FORFEITURE (SEALEY)

Motion Made and Seconded to Read by Title Only

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None

Councilors Absent: Smith

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDINANCE 38-2020

AMENDMENT TO ZONING (209 COLLEGE AVENUE)

Motion Made and Seconded to Read by Title Only

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas

Councilors Voting No: None

Councilors Absent: Smith

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 41-2020

AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 42-2020

APPOINTMENT OF PARKING COMMITTEE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Motion Made and Seconded to Add Brian Clark, Ken
Vlodek, Claude Francke and Linda Warner

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 43-2020

PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE CRUISER

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 44-2020

APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL/STATE AGREEMENT
(TRAFTON ROAD)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 45-2020

ISSUANCE OF A POLE PERMIT TO CONSOLIDATED,
INC. AND CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY ON EIGHT
ROD ROAD

Motion Made and Seconded to Read by Title Only

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt

Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

COUNCILOR UPDATES

Councilor Foss pointed out the fact that the Webb Road needs repair and asked the City Manager when it might be repaired. Mr. Roy answered that the city had swapped responsibility for the Webb Road with the state when the Trafton Road interchange was being planned. Roy said that he would look into when Webb Road is scheduled for upgrades.

COMMUNITY NOTES

City Clerk Dubois announced that absentee voting was available for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary and noted that the polling place for March 3rd only was at The Elm, formerly known as the American Legion.

Elizabeth Leonard, Poor People's Campaign, announced several upcoming events including the airing of the documentary "We Cried Power". Ms. Leonard gave out informational sheets regarding this anti-poverty movement.

Rien Finch, Ward 6, representative of Friends of Green Street Park and the South End Neighborhood Association, shared that they had received a \$4,000 grant to improve the Green Street Park, plus almost \$4,000 from community partners and private donors. Mr. Finch thanked the United Way, CGI, Waterville Creates!, and Parks & Recreation's Matt Skehan. Mr. Finch announced a Winterfest being held on Saturday, February 29th from 11-1 at the Green Street Park.

Cathy Weeks, Ward 1, asked what was being done to prevent students from parking in the Concourse and for an update on the status of the national search for a new City Manager.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Roy stated that 6 properties were being provided 30 days to avoid foreclosure, which included 2 undeveloped land parcels, 2 inhabited buildings and 2 vacant buildings. Roy noted that one other property was being given 30 more days as well.

Mr. Roy announced a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee this upcoming Thursday at 4 p.m. Roy said that the Head of Falls Committee was still meeting to work with developers. Roy shared that the budget preparation was coming along and that he expected to present a proposed budget to the City Council by March 20th. Roy shared that the Search Committee would be interviewing a company within the next two weeks, which will be used to assist with the hiring process.

City Manager Roy and Chief Massey explained that Police Department staff had been counting vacant spaces and found that Section E had the most vacant spaces; therefore, they proposed to change that to all-day parking, along with some spots in Section B to all-day.

Erik Thomas stated that there should be no overnight parking in Section B and noted that this proposal is a stopgap measure until the Parking Committee can make permanent recommendations.

Ken Vloddek, owner of the Yardgoods Center, gave a handout that showed the result of a parking survey done at 4 a.m. which indicated 48 cars at the Appleton Street lot, 19 cars at Head of Falls, 5 cars on Appleton Street by the dorm, 36 cars in the Concourse fronting Inland, 14 cards in the Concourse fronting Yardgoods and 5 cars in the Concourse fronting the Library. Mr. Vloddek said that we might want to consider going to 3-hour parking and eliminate all night parking in the Concourse.

Councilor Thomas explained that we should try no overnight parking in Section B to see if it works, but that the Parking Committee can monitor this and come up with a long-term solution. Thomas added that we might want to also consider no overnight parking in Section A.

Councilor Mayhew asked if the Police Department was enforcing parking on Saturdays, to which Chief Massey answered that it was.

Councilor Foss urged the members of the Parking Committee to convene quickly and come up with a plan that works.

Cathy Weeks asked why we were allowing Colby students to park in the Concourse and suggested putting the all-day parking in Section B into the middle of that lot.

Councilor Thomas pointed out that there is no rule or law to target students from parking there and added that we need to balance the needs of other businesses too.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn
Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk